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SUBJECT: LEBANON: CHRISTIAN PLEAS TO THE ISRAELIS

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1. YOU AND OTHER ADDRESSEES WILL SOON BE RECEIVING A CABLE
OUTLINING HOW WE MIGHT APPROACH THE SYRIANS TO DEVELOP A
LONGER TERM RESOLUTION TO THE KIND OF PROBLEM SHOWN IN THE
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FIGHTING IN BEIRUT. IN THE MEANTIME, THE SITUATION APPEARS
TO BE QUIETER IN BEIRUT TODAY AND WE AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF
THE BOUTROS AND AL-HOSS MEETINGS IN DAMASCUS WITH SYRIAN
LEADERS, BUT WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD RESPOND PROMPTLY TO
ISRAELI CONCERNS REPORTED REFTEL.

2. SAY TO BEGIN WE ARE ALSO DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE TOLL

OF LIVES AND PROPERTY CAUSED BY THE FIGHTING. EXPLAIN OUR EFFORTS WITH THE FRENCH, VATICAN, KUWAITIS, SAUDIS AND WALDHEIM TO BRING AN END TO THE FIGHTING. SINCE VP'S DISCUSSION OF THESE EFFORTS WITH HIM, NOTE THAT POPE HAS ISSUED AN APPEAL, AS HAD WALDHEIM. SAY THAT WE APPRECIATED ISRAELI WILLINGNESS TO COUNSEL RESTRAINT AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE CEASEFIRE WITH THE CHRISTIANS. AN END TO PROVOCATIONS BY THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS IS ALL-IMPORTANT SINCE EVERY EVIDENCE IS THAT THE SYRIANS ARE PREPARED TO RETALIATE

TEN TIMES OVER FOR EVERY PROVOCATION.

3. WHILE EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO STOP THE FIGHTING, WE BELIEVE PRIVATE ISRAELI COMMUNICATION WITH THEIR CONTACTS IN LEBANON IS MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH. FACT THAT ISRAELI LEADERS HAVE NOT ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE FIGHTING IN BEIRUT AVOIDS POSSIBILITY THAT SOME CHRISTIAN LEADERS MAY THINK THAT, IF THEY CONTINUE THEIR PROVOCATIONS AND THE SYRIANS CONTINUE TO RETALIATE, THE ISRAELIS WILL COME TO THEIR DEFENSE. HOWEVER ARTFULLY WORDED, ANY OFFICIAL ISRAELI COMMENT COULD HAVE THE UNINTENDED EFFECT AMONG SOME CHRISTIANS THAT ISRAEL WILL INTERVENE. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT CHRISTIAN LEADERS GIVE OTHER CONCERNED PARTIES, INCLUDING THE U.S., A FULL OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WHICH COULD WIN BROADER SUPPORT. VANCE

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